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## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44*bis*)

Applicant's or agent's file reference <b>503295</b>	<b>FOR FURTHER ACTION</b>	See item 4 below
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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237		
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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE  
INTERNATIONAL SEARCHING AUTHORITY

(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

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**FOR FURTHER ACTION**  
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. IV   | Lack of unity of invention   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V    | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
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2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

For further options, see Form PCT/ISA/220.

3. For further details, see notes to Form PCT/ISA/220.

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE  
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International application No.

**PCT/AU2005/000364**

**Box No. I      Basis of the opinion**

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
  - a. type of material  
☐ a sequence listing  
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4. Additional comments:

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International application No.

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**Box No. V      Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

**1. Statement**

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-95	YES
	Claims	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-95	YES
	Claims	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-95	YES
	Claims	NO

**2. Citations and explanations:**

The invention of Claims 1-95 discloses anonymously indexed electronic record of personal information which is verifiable by use of a public key certificate associated with an asymmetric public key matching an asymmetric private key under the control of a portable storage device of a registered user.

No individual citation or combination of citations show the above feature.

The closest art of:

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shows storing in an accessible database de-identified personal information indexed by anonymous ID, and storing digital certificate on a computer which will be used by a user to access a website containing the de-identified personal information.